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The Hon. Murray Elston, M.P.P.  
Minister of Health  
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Dear Sir:

As a practicing Clinical Ecologist and involved in the proceedings of the Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Hypersensitivity Disorders headed by Judge George Thomson, I wish to express my dissatisfaction with the way the report was handled upon completion.

Judge Thomson's able Committee worked for almost a year to prepare this Report and the members impressed us with their impartiality and objectivity while representing fairly the medical community.

I fail to understand how yet another committee can now be called to review the findings of Judge Thomson's Report and this several weeks before being released publicly. All parties vitally interested in the Report were thus taken by surprise and it would seem this action favors opponents of environmental medicine particularly as Dr. B. Zimmerman was asked to head this new committee.

Dr. Zimmerman is well known for his bias against Clinical Ecology and for his lack of understanding of the issue, an attitude he has made known at conferences and meetings as well as in his recent article in the Canadian Medical Association Journal and in a letter to the Hon. E. Martel, M.P.P. on the subject last year. He is totally unacceptable as an advisor on environmental illness.

Furthermore, Dr. Zimmerman's panel does not include a single clinical ecologist, a fact not in keeping with the spirit of Judge Thomson's Report which recommends that further research and investigation be undertaken in co-operation with Clinical Ecologists.

Surely it would be more suitable and responsible to have members of your own Ministry objectively evaluate the findings of the Thomson Committee Report. As a physician and taxpayer I object to the calling of the new committee.

Yours very truly,

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